

Appl. No. : 09/586,666
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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed March 10, 2004. Applicant has hereby amended Claim 33, canceled Claims 70-79, and added new Claim 80. Thus, Claims 11-29, 31, 33-47, 56-69 and 80 are pending in this application of which the Examiner has allowed Claims 11-29, 31, 33-47 and 56-69.

A summary document is included herein above with the status of all claims and the text of all pending claims. The specific changes to the amended claim are shown by ~~strike through~~ for any deletions and underlining for any insertions.

New dependent Claim 80 has been added to establish proper antecedent basis for dependent Claims 33 and 34. Claim 33 has been amended to establish dependency from Claim 80.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 70-72, 74, 75, 78 and 79 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,258,039 issued to Goh et al.; Claims 70-79 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,800,569 issued to Phillips in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,938,776 issued to Masinter; and Claims 70-79 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,800,569 issued to Phillips in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,645,509 issued to Poggi et al.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and the Examiner's characterization of the cited references.

In this case, to advance prosecution, Applicant has canceled Claims 70-79. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these, and other, claims in one or more continuing applications and/or at a later date.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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